

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 30, 34, and 35 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a computer system executing portability enabling software including a master control file controlling and providing interoperability of a medical records system between computer platforms operating on disparate operating systems, the master control file interfacing with a database of text and image data and medical records and with the disparate operating systems, and the computer platforms including a personal computer, a hand-held device, and a network, wherein the master control file ~~interfaces with the disparate operating systems and includes~~ access and mapping information between ~~a~~the database of text and image data and the medical records ~~system~~, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in a plurality of image and text formats, wherein the portability enabling software interfacing with the plurality of image and text formats and the disparate operating systems;

wherein the apparatus capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the ~~medical records system~~database.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, ~~further comprising medical software~~, wherein at least a portion of the medical records is executed by the hand-held device.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the master control file provides the medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

4. (Original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the master control file controls path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field

names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein each field name is retained and utilized by the medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.'

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the pointer to and the name of the database indicates the database which the medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the pointer to and name of graphic images indicates the images that display when the medical records system is executed.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the medical software comprises a records system storing patient medical records.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the records system storing patient medical records enables health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records .

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the records system storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the apparatus captures, compresses, encrypts, and encapsulates patient episode data into the secure file.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the apparatus transmits the secure file to a repository mail server, which de-encapsulates and uncompresses the secure file and stores the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein a message is transmitted to an assigned physician notifying the assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of a computer system, comprising:
controlling and providing, by a master control file of a portability enabling program executed by the computer system, interoperability of a medical records system between computer platforms of the computer system operating on disparate operating systems, the master control file interfacing with a database of text and image data and medical records and the disparate operating systems, the computer platforms including a personal computer, a hand-held device, and a network, wherein the master control file interfaces with the disparate operating systems and includes access and mapping information between a the database of text and image data and a the medical records system, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in a plurality of image and text formats, wherein the portability enabling software interfacing with the plurality of image and text formats and the disparate operating systems; and
capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the medical records system database.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 15, further comprising executing medical software wherein at least a portion of the medical records is executed by the hand-held device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 15, further comprising providing, by the master control file, the medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 15, further comprising controlling, by the master control file, path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 18, further comprising retaining and utilizing each field name by the medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 19, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and the name of the database, the database which the medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 19, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and name of graphic images, the images that display when the medical records system is executed.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 16, further comprising storing patient medical records in the medical records system.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 16, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 15, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 15, further comprising capturing, compressing, encrypting, and encapsulating patient episode data into the secure file.

27. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 26, further comprising: transmitting the secure file to a repository mail server, de-encapsulating and uncompressing the secure file, and storing the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

28. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 27, further comprising

notifying an assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program executed by a computer system to execute the functions comprising:

controlling and providing, by a master control file of a portability enabling program, interoperability of a medical records system between computer platforms operating on disparate operating systems, the master control file interfacing with a database of text and image data and medical records and with the disparate operating systems, and the computer platforms including a personal computer, a hand-held device, and a network, wherein the master control file ~~interfaces with the disparate operating systems and~~ includes access and mapping information between ~~a~~the database of text and image data and ~~a~~the medical records system, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in medical record modality formats and in a plurality of image and text formats, wherein the portability enabling software interfacing with the plurality of image and text formats and the disparate operating systems; and capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the ~~medical records system~~database.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, ~~further comprising executing medical software wherein at least a portion of the medical records is executed by the hand-held device.~~

31. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising providing, by the master control file, the medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising controlling, by the master control file, path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising retaining and utilizing each field name by the medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising indicating, by ~~the~~a pointer to and the name of the database, the database which the medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising indicating, by ~~the~~a pointer to and name of graphic images, the images that display when the medical records system is executed.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 30, further comprising storing patient medical records in the medical records system.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 30, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising capturing, compressing, encrypting, and encapsulating patient episode data into the secure file.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 40, further comprising:

transmitting the secure file to a repository mail server,
de-encapsulating and uncompressing the secure file, and
storing the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 41, further comprising notifying the assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)